THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The quantity of cotton yarn exported during 1989-90 was 61.89 million Kgs. The cash compensatory support (CCS) for exports of cotton yarn is 13 per cent of f.o.b. value applicable to non-quota general currency areas and also to quote countries where this item is not under quota and 8 per cent CCS is applicable to all other countries including quota countries where it is restricted. Import Replenishment entitlement is 5 per cent of f.o.b. value for cotton yarn (grey) and 10 per cent for cotton yarn (other than grey).

(b) Government have so far released a quota for the export of 14.81 lakhs bales of cotton during the 1989-90 cotton season (September 89 to August'90) out of which 10.95 lakhs bales had been actually exported till 8.8.90. No cash compensatory support is granted on export of cotton However, there is Import Replenishment entitlement of 5 per cent against export of cotton.

(c) The major portion of the quota for export of cotton has been released in favour of the Cotton Corporation of India and State Coperative Marketing Federations in order to pass on the benefits of higher international prices to cotton growers. The profits earned in the export of cotton by the Cotton Corporation of India and Cooperative can only be assessed after completion of exports.

Cost Study of VSF/VFY

2651. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any cost study of VSF/VFY to arrive at a fair selling price in the recent past; if not, what are the reasons therefor particularly when such a study has been ordered in respect of PX, DMT, PTA, PSF, PFY etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the wearables made from VSF/VFY are considered as poorman's dress, whereas synthetic fabrics are cnsidered as richman's dress;

(c) whather it is a fact that the high fiscal levies contribute to the high price of synthetic fabrics; and

(d) if so, what steps Govt. propose to take to make synthetic fabrics within the reach of poor man?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A cost study on VSF was carried out in 1987 by Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices.

(b) Both viscose and synthetic fabrics are used by the common man.

(c) and (d) Fiscal levies are only one element going into the retail price of synthetic fabrics.

Opening of New Branches of Banks in Andhra Pradesh

2652. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open more branches of nationalised banks in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of bank branches working at present in Andhra Pradesh bank-wise and District-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The previous Branch Licensing Policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for 1985—90 came to an end on 31-3-90. The guidelines for ensuing Branch Licensing Policy has